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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2001 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19-23 without prejudice.

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